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ROOSEVELT, CHURCHILL AND STALIN AGREE TOUGH TIMES ARE STILL AHEAD

Annual Show All Set For Nov. 18 & 19 Performance Sure To Surpass All Records



Fred Windover, Director, putting the chorus through one of its many rehearsals for the Annual Show.

Committees All Deserve Great Credit

Each year, the Standing Committee of the Sprague Specialties Company makes possible the Benefit Show, which North Adams looks forward to with pleasure. Credit is due of course, to the volunteers who painstakingly make their respective roles so perfect, that the performance is worthy of professionals. North Adams and Sprague have the talent, and all work together to produce a smooth, well-polished performance,—whether it be in the chorus, the repartee of the endmen, the stage and lighting effects, or the "mellow-dramer" cast. No end of credit is due the Standing Committee for their patience and unsung efforts, and to the Directors and several Chairmen of the Annual Committees.

The Standing Committee, a permanent Committee for many years' past, has as its president, Jimmie Fitzgerald. Secretary is Mrs. Frances DiTursi Partenope; Treasurer is Miss Etta Owen. Other members are Roy and Charlotte Trottier, Fred Windover, Larry Haskins, William Jette, Kay Corsi, Pete Mancuso, Ray Mahar and Mary Fachini.

Committee For The 1943 Annual Show

This year's Committee has as its Chairman, Miss Etta Owen whose graciousness and willingness to help is known to all who come in contact with her. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Trottier are in charge of Properties; Bill Jette of Stage Lighting; Ray Mahar is Ticket Chairman; Esther Garratt of Ushers; Ruth Jackson and Marvin Williams are in charge of Makeup; Jimmie Fitzgerald is Program director, Larry Madison is Assistant Director, Fred Windover is Director; Mike Gorman, Director of Endmen; Larry Haskins, Director of Melodrama and the Accompanist is Dora Tietgens.

Short Prevue of Annual Show on Radio Program Nov. 16

A musical crash followed by the familiar "Gentlemen, be seated!" Tambourines, endmen's gags, a topical song hit, a ballad and a brief finale will be a 10 minute feature of the Sprague Radio Log, Tuesday, November 16, at 11:30 A.M. We won't tell you now, but will release the names of those taking part in our next issue. Just a bit of prevue of the Annual Minstrels to whet the appetite of those who have bought their tickets, and to let our listeners know how much they're missing if they don't see this yearly benefit performance.

Use of Proceeds Makes Annual Show A Worthy Home Front Effort

Displaying a vigor that even the rigors of war can not dampen, the men and women workers of Sprague's have come forward and put in some long hours and late evenings rehearsing their parts and polishing chorus and song to the point where it is safe to predict that this year's performance will equal if not surpass those of former years.

If the Annual Show were merely for personal entertainment there probably would be no such enthusiasm under war conditions. But the Annual Sprague Show and Benefit Fund has established itself over the years as a valuable contribution to the community life and welfare. Its profits go to the alleviation of suffering and hardship which might otherwise not be heard of or taken care of.

Our boys and girls in service tell us that the continuance of this performance is with them an important feature of our work on the home front. Part of the income from the Annual Show also goes to the boys and girls in service, in the way of Christmas remembrances. So,—as they say,—and as we say,—"The Show Must Go On!"

"Mellowdramer" to be A Scream

Under the patience and skill of Larry Haskins, this special part of the show has already reached a stage of perfection. His cast responds to his tactful coaching with enthusiasm and already are letter-perfect in their roles. Larry states that in his experience directing, never has he found a cast so versed in their lines. Cue them in, where he chooses, they respond without a moment's hesitation. "Truly remarkable", Haskins states. He also promises a surprise number in the play. As to the cast, the villain, Mr. Jimmie Oldham is really villainous; the sweet maid, Miss Pat Siciliano is most appealing; the mother, Mrs. Geraldine Reeves is charming and poised; the father, Mr. John Heywood wins our sympathy with his interpretation; and our hero, Mr. Arthur Bell is straightforward and direct in his role. Mr. Marvin Williams is the "strange" Fuller Brush Man.

SOUND EFFECTS PLAY IMPORTANT PART

Much of the realism and atmosphere of the show is due to the sound effects.

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URGE NO LET-UP IN PRODUCTION SAY UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER STILL GOAL OF UNITED NATIONS

Sprague Workers Called On to Renew Pledge to Armed Services for Maximum Production of War Materiel

One big fact stands out in all statements by the heads of the United Nations and qualified military observers. The enemy will be overcome and agree to unconditional surrender only when the home front gives way,—when their people can not and will not carry on any longer.

By the same reasoning Victory will come to the Allied arms if and only if our home front can and will carry on. This is not alone a war of armies, navies and air forces. It is a people's war. The warning that tough times are still ahead; the demand for complete cooperation and continued high power production has the deepest significance. It is imperative.

The general staff has its plans well laid. Our armies, our navies, our air forces are at top figures. The over-all strategy for defeat of the Axis grows clearer day by day. BUT, unless our people continue to increase the speed, and quantity and quality of our war production;—the plans, the strategy, the training and difficult transportation of our armed forces will be of no avail. Plans will fail, strategy will prove impossible; and worst of all, our sons, brothers, sisters, and friends in our armed forces will suffer and die in terrible and needless numbers.

Let us all,—renew our pledge to these men. Let us here resolve to let nothing hinder that maximum production of war materiel which they MUST have to finish the task before them. Nothing less than our best will do. They are counting on YOU!

Sprague Equipment Serves These Boys



Left to right: Sgt. C. E. Salmon, Penn., Waist Gunner and S-Sgt. S. R. Taylor, Penn., Radio Operator and Waist Gunner. Combat Crews Manning Stations. Official Photo U. S. Air Forces.

"Of the Employees,- by the Employees,- for the Employees."



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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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Ingenious Mr. Williams has invented a rain machine, and a thunder machine to strike terror into any timid soul. Mr. Carl Perry has followed out Mr. Williams' designs and brought these contraptions into reality.

PITTSFIELD PASSION OR "JEDEDIAH JASMINE JAILED"

The title for this choice slice of life from the Gay Nineties as originally given was much too inadequate. So after due deliberation it is rechristened: PITTSFIELD PASSION or "Jedediah Jasmine Jailed."

BIG BACK STAGE COMMITTEE

William Jette is in charge of Lighting and Stage Direction; Mr. Williams of Makeup; Miss Sally Barton is Prompter and Sound Effects Assistant; Mr. C. B. Fairchild is Property Manager; Miss Louise Bass is Property Artist; the Four Town Characters, who mysteriously appear in the drama, are Mr. Larry Madison, Mr. Robert Shoemaker, Mr. Joe Macksey, and Mr. Fred Windover. The Stage Technicians are Mr. William Battersby, Mr. Reginald Rowett, Mr. Alvin Lancto, Mr. Roy Trotter, Mr. Stanley Domin, Mr. Wilfred Harris, Mr. Lawrence Weld, Alexander Petro, Ralph Blood and Ernest Ganuache.

TOM SHERIDAN

Thirty men entertained at a farewell dinner at the Richmond Hotel for expediter Tom Sheridan on October 5. Mr. Sheridan has left to take up duties with Research Construction at Cambridge, Mass.

The toastmaster for the evening was Mr. E. P. Bjork, who states the evening was unique in the fact that each man present gave Mr. Sheridan a rousing send-off in the form of cleverly couched compliments — loaded with bombshells and brickbats,—served up with compound interest; all because of Tom's remarkable ability to "dish it out and take it too." A swell party, lots of fun,—and our best good wishes for success to a swell fellow. Tom Sheridan, we'll miss you.

In the Transcript for Nov. 10 appeared the following tribute to all Sprague workers now in the Armed Forces, and to the veterans and fallen heroes of World War I. With the tribute, appeared many of the Sprague products and some of the types of war equipment on which they are used. Containing both inspiration and information the page was of interest to all North Adams as well as to Sprague Workers. The Log editors take this occasion to repeat the text here for readers.

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ON ARMISTICE DAY

SPRAGUE'S pays silent tribute to those American men and women, who in World War I, gave their "last full measure of devotion" in the service of their country.

Sprague's salutes those American men and women, now living or dead, who served during those war years, 1917-1919 with the colors of their country — America!

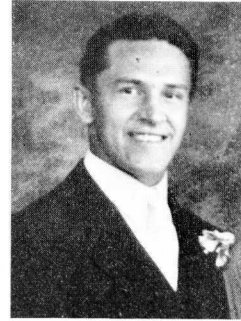
TO all those men and women of our organization, who now—on this Armistice Day of 1943—are serving in the Armed Forces of our country, Sprague's pays tribute! Sprague's salutes them!

WHEREVER — and whatever their stations—may they have the strength, receive the courage, and keep the faith—to "carry on" in the highest traditions of our city—of our state—and of our beloved country! America!

"Working Together For Victory!"

Edgar Remillard and James Cooper Receive Diplomas In Machine Shop Course

The first Machine Shop graduation to be held in the Sprague Company for three years, occurred October 24th, 1943 when Mr. Edgar Remillard and Mr. James Cooper graduated with honors from the apprenticeship course in the Machine Shop, and diplomas were presented them.



Edgar Remillard

Edgar Remillard is a man young in years, but old in service with the Sprague Specialties Company. He started work at the age of 16, some thirteen years ago, when a 48-hour day was an accepted week (without overtime pay). He started in the Anode room when the late John McCann was supervisor; and under McCann was Elsworth Griffin, foreman on anode winding for wet condensers. Remillard worked there seven years then went to the Impregnating department for Lewis Cronin. He worked with Gerald Lebert on pre-tuners when pre-tuners were still in an infancy stage.

Remillard decided to follow his natural bend and take up machine shop work as his father and two brothers before him had done. He started his apprenticeship course four years ago under the tutelage of Mr. T. J. Rondeau, completing it this October.

Mr. Remillard is known as a champion wrestler. He is also known as one of the best "End men" that the Annual Sprague Benefit show has produced. He is married and has two boys.

Mr. James Cooper is also old in service with the Sprague Specialties Company. He has been in the Company for 12 years and 4 months. He started working in the Can Shop under the supervision of Mr. Henry Anderson. He worked on sample cans and boxes from specifications of Mr. Howard Sherman. While working on samples, he learned some of the parts which were used in the Machine Shop, and became interested in the tools needed for the fabrication of parts, and decided to take up machine shop work. He was apprenticed in that department four years ago.



James Cooper

Mr. Cooper's chief diversion away from work is photography. He is interested in both moving pictures and stills. He is married and has a daughter eight years old and a boy, five months old.

Mr. T. J. Rondeau who has been in charge of the two apprentices, has been with Sprague Specialties for fourteen years. He is pleased with the interest and the skill which Mr. Cooper and Mr. Remillard are putting into their jobs. He says they have received a thorough basic training, have passed beyond the apprenticeship stage, and are now responsible for putting out exact and skilled work.

Upon completion of their courses, Mr. Remillard and Mr. Cooper received diplomas of graduation.



At the final report meeting, Mr. G. Churchill Francis, Chairman of the Community Chest Campaign, holds the bag (of Sprague Workers' Contribution Cards) while Marvin Williams reads the name of Casimir Peter Walczak, lucky winner of the \$500 Bond, offered in the Sprague Campaign to contributors of five dollars or more.

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335 Sprague Employees' Names On North Adams Honor Roll Dedicated November 7

Sunday, November 7, North Adams paid tribute to its 2320 men and women in service and to nine men who have lost their lives, when the Honor Roll erected on the Library site, was dedicated. Of that number, 325 men and 10 women are from Sprague Specialties Company.

Prior to the dedication of the Honor Roll, together with an American flag, gift of Fort Massachusetts Chapter of the DAR and a service flag, gift of the Chamber of Commerce, a huge parade of some 1000 persons, with eight musical units, club delegations, Massachusetts National Guard, Sprague Guards, and pupils of Drury and St. Joseph's high schools, marched through the streets.

Postmaster William Dooling, chairman of the Honor Roll Committee opened the ceremonies, followed by Atty. William A. O'Hearn, president of

the local Chamber of Commerce. The invocation was given by Rev. John F. Sullivan of St. Francis Church. Miss Ellen Horsfall of Sprague's, sang the National Anthem. Mayor O'Brien accepted the Honor Roll for the City of North Adams, and Commander Lawrence Quigley of the John Adams hospital, a World War I veteran, was the guest speaker. He cautioned the audience that the "war would be long and bitter," and, "We must never forget the boys who are fighting for us. If we do, honor rolls are meaningless."

Nine-year old Charles Canedy, whose father is in the service, unveiled the Honor Roll and Mr. William P. Gilman, whose son, William, died in a Japanese prison camp, dedicated the Honor Roll. The services were brought to a close with prayer by Rev. Robert R. Carmichael, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Hero From Guadalcanal Thanks Sprague Workers Publicly For Cigarettes

The Sprague Radio Log was proud and happy to have on its October 26th program Pvt. Armand Bassett who has been honorably discharged from service. Proud to know that Mr. Bassett is a Berkshire man who so bravely fought at Guadalcanal and at Munda. Happy, that he is safely home again, and happy that we Sprague people are doing our little bit to make the lives of the men at the front a little more comfortable, by our gift of cigarettes each week. Pvt. Bassett was most grateful for the gift of Sprague cigarettes out there some-

where in the Pacific, and wanted to publicly thank Sprague workers for their good work. He asked that we continue our fund—it means so much to the boys, and stated that as soon as he is physically able, he will be back there fighting again.

—And Speaking of the Cigarette Fund:

Week of October 29, total contributions amounted to \$166.00 and the previous week, contributions amounted to \$177.00. We are thus enabled to send 3,000 packs of cigarettes for each of the two weeks. What has become of that 4,000 packs-per-week goal?

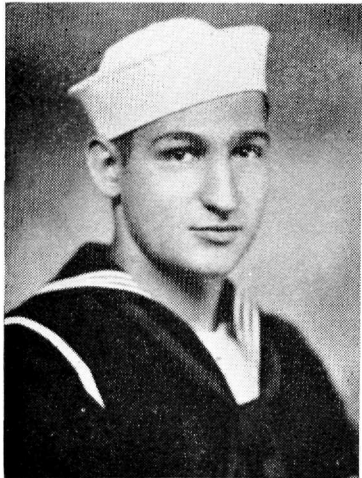
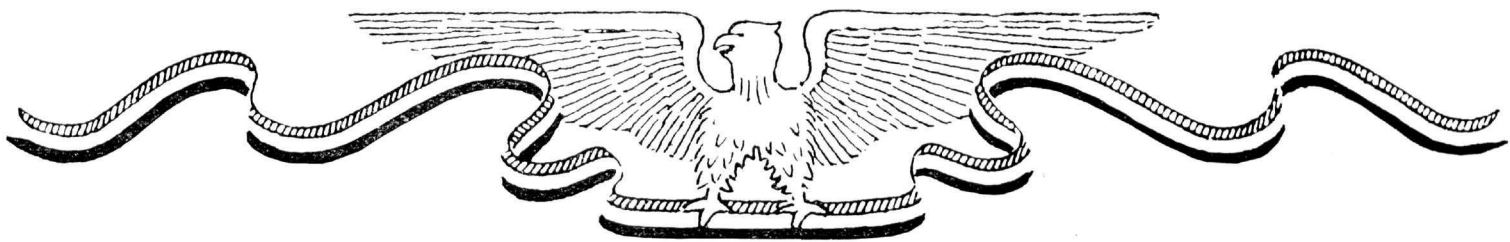
Thanksgiving Issue

Deadline for next issue of the LOG is November 19. If you need more Reporter's News Pads see your Plant Reporter. You are doing a great job.

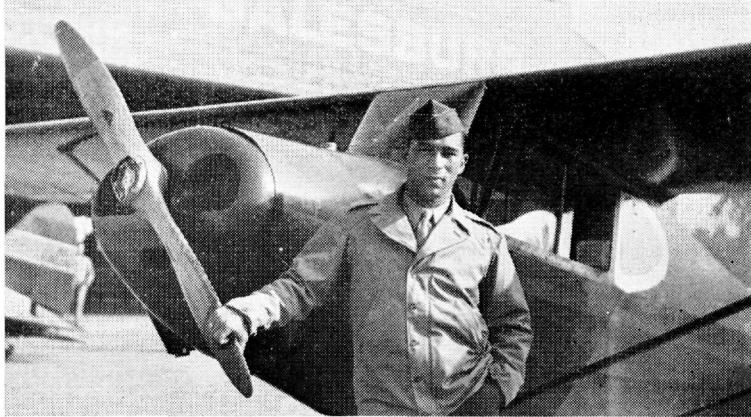
Keep Up the Good Work!



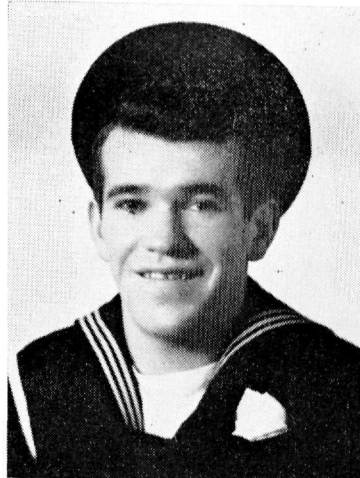
★ NEWS and VIEWS from Sprague Workers In Service ★



Seaman 2-c Clarence Sweeney, husband of Irene of Industrial Oil.



Aviation Cadet Nicholas Del Negro, formerly in Impregnating Dept., is at Knox College, Galesburg, Ill.



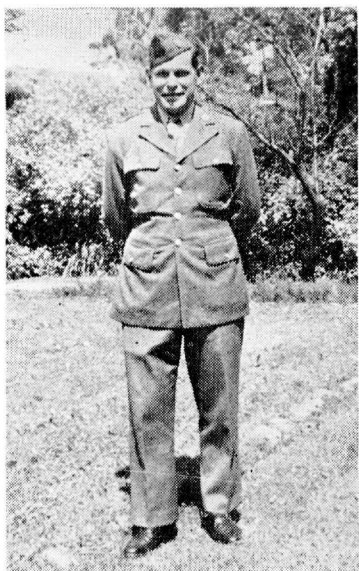
Seaman John Milos of U. S. Navy.



Pfc. George Neil Anderson is at Camp Hale, Colo. He is the brother of Margaret of the Resistors.



Pvt. Wm. A. Davis is stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. He formerly worked in Paper Assembly, his mother Julia, is in Bath Tub Assembly.



Pfc. J. C. Januska, stationed at Camp Pickett, Va.

Bernard Armata, a cadet with the Air Corps, has been transferred from Maryland to the University of Vermont. Bernard, before his enlistment, worked as a stitcher in the Dry Rolling Dept.

Pvt. Linwood Morse, formerly of the Mica Department, has been spending a furlough at his home, 121 Reed Street, after completing his basic training at the Marine Base, Parris Island, S. C. While home, Pvt. Morse spoke over the air at the Sprague Radio Log Program.

Pvt. Henry Armata has returned to Camp Pickett, Va., after spending a 10-day furlough at his home. Pvt. Armata was formerly employed in the Boxing Dept.

Seaman, second class Edward M. Colbert, Jr., has been visiting his home after completing his basic training at Sampson, N. Y. Seaman Colbert will be eligible for further training for petty officer rating. He was a senior at St. Joseph's high school and worked for the Impregnating Department.

Another seaman stationed at Sampson, N. Y., who has finished his basic training is Richard A. Johnson, who has been granted a furlough and is eligible for further assignment. Seaman Johnson worked in the Boxing Department. His wife, Lea is in Bath Tub Assembly.

Pvt. Walter J. Osborne has arrived safely in India, according to word received by his wife Dorothy, of Gas Mask, and his sister Dorothy Darling, also of Gas Mask. Pvt. Osborne is in the Ground Mechanic Division.

By a U. S. Marine

And if our lines should form, then break
Because of things you failed to make,
The extra tank, or ship, or plane,
For which we waited, all in vain
And the supplies which never came,
Will you then come, and take the blame,
For we not you, will pay the cost
Of battles you, not we, have lost.
by a U. S. Marine



Pvt. S. Mastalisz is with the fighting Engineers in Sicily.

Dear Folks:

I have been receiving the Sprague Log every month and I do enjoy reading it very much.

I have been changed to a new camp once more. Everytime, they move us, they put us in a camp much larger, it seems.

I have been promoted to first radio operator since the 24th of Aug., and I have noticed that some of our radio sets are equipped with Sprague parts and they are all good, since we haven't had any trouble as yet, and we have been in plenty of water and damp weather and our radios still receive very well.

Please excuse this letter — it has been written in a hurry.

Yours truly,
Pvt. Arthur LeMire
Anti Tank Co. 104 Infantry
Camp Campbell, Ky.
P.S.—Wish I could be back there working with the rest of the folks.



Cpl. Henry LaBonte, stationed at Camp Gruber, Okla. Henry was in Block Test.

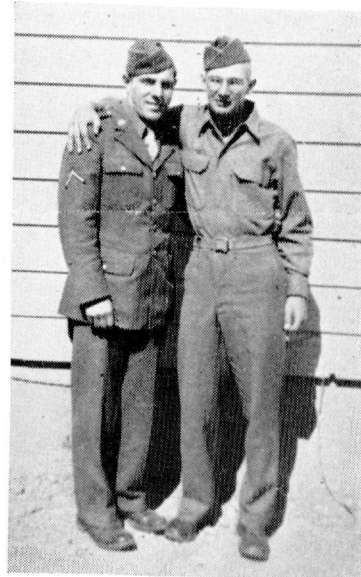
A letter from Pfc. Robert Dube in the U. S. Medical Dept. and dated October 27th reads:

Just a few lines to let you know that I just received the Log for Sept. 11th and appreciated it very much. It was mailed to my last address in Texas, but since coming back from my furlough I was shipped overseas. I am now on an island in the South West Pacific, but as censorship rules are very strict, I cannot tell you anything about the place. However, I can say that we have very few papers or books here and that is why the Log seemed even better than usual.

Since it has been here, quite a few of the fellows have looked at it and it has drawn a good deal of attention and many queries concerning the shop.

I enjoyed seeing the pictures of fellows in the service and also the letters from others, as I know about all of them. I would also like to say that I enjoyed my visit to the shop when home, but sorry I didn't get around to see all the people I worked with in Industrial Oils, and many other Sprague employees that I would like to have seen. As it is getting dark now and we have no lights, I will close, wishing you and all my friends the best of health, and hoping to continue receiving the Log, I remain,

As ever,
Bob Dube



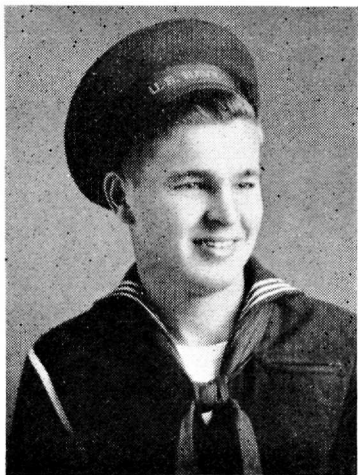
Geno Vivori, right, formerly of Dry Test with his pal, John.



Pfc. Gerald T. Ronan, formerly in Dry Test, at Ft. Williams, Me.

John Shea of the Navy V-12 unit has returned to Harvard after spending a leave at his home. Shea worked in the Gas Mask Dept.

Cpl. Henry LaBonte, formerly of Block Test, was recently home on a 10 day furlough — his first since he went into service. He is stationed at Camp Gruber, Okla.



Seaman James Millis appeared on Sprague Radio Log recently.



THE CHARBONNEAUS
Petty Officer, 1st class Wilfred A., at right, Petty Officers, third class, William A., center, and Earl J., left. Sons of Celia, and brothers of Eunice of Bathtub Assembly.



Pfc. Jack O'Leary who has seen service in North Africa and Sicily.

Januska Receives Log

Editor of the Log:

Well, I just received my copy of the Log and enjoyed reading it very much. The Log was sent to Camp Edwards, Mass., but it was forwarded to me here in Camp Pickett, Va.

This month's Log had a lot of interesting news about home which I wanted very much to read about.

Enclosed you will find a snapshot of myself — you may put it in the Log if you wish. I would appreciate it very much if you could tell me of any soldier from my home town who is stationed here also. Please note my new address.

John C. Januska
Battery C. 7th AAA Bldg. T-3028
Camp Pickett, Va.

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An excerpt from a letter which Fran Crosier received from her husband WT 1st Class, Raymond J. Crosier, who is somewhere in the Pacific.

I was going to write to the Log and thank them for the paper. Then, on second thought, I would like you to do it. I notice they are doing good work. So are we. Here is a little record we are piling up — 485 days without a day off! Ten of these days were spent in a liberty port. We had liberty from 1 P.M. 'til 7 A.M. the next day, every other day; and many of the crew only had liberty to midnight. So that really makes but five liberties. So you can see we have very little trouble about lost time. We do have recreation for the crew as often as possible, about everything in the line of sports. Another thing, practically every man on this ship buys a bond. And when they ask for that little bit more, we have what it takes. I hope this gives a little light on my vacation I'm enjoying.



Jo Vivori, whose mother Emma, is employed in Tubular Assembly.

Sprague Guard Wears The Purple Heart

On October 31st, Geo. W. Moreau, honorably discharged from active service, and wearing the Purple Heart, became a guard at the Brown Street plant. Pvt. George W. Moreau joined the Canadian army in 1941 and was stationed in England until the time when his own country entered the war. He was in the African campaign, and wounded in the battle of Tunisia when a sniper shot through his left thigh, early in February of this year. He was in several hospitals in Africa and later in the United States. He was given an honorable discharge in October and awarded the Purple Heart for being wounded in action. George Moreau returned home just in time to see his only son, Geo. E. Moreau, home on furlough, who had joined the Seabees some two months ago. Pvt. Moreau has a brother Edward, also employed at Sprague's in the KVA Department.

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Memory of War

As I remember years ago
My mother and father would tell
Of how they had to fight the war
And I think they did it well.

There never was any complaining
Of food they could not get.
But the people of this world today —
Fight and quarrel and fret.

As I remember one day
My father told me a story
Of how they had to fight and win
For the sake of our Old Glory.

"They didn't have the things we have,"
I remember once he said.
"They didn't have good tanks and
planes
Only bullets made of old lead."

Well, I think our people are lucky
For the good life that we have had
Our old folks fought and won that war.
We all know this war is bad —

But we'll win over our enemies —
You folks just wait and see.
We'll see our lovely "Old Glory"
Waving high on land and sea.

But you've got to keep going
You've got to work long and strong
To show our good courage
Let our enemies know they're wrong.

You don't want to give up easy
And you don't want to worry or fret
For we are going to lick the Germans
And the Japanese yet.

Gladys Oakley, Gas Mask

WAVE, Doris V. Lauzon Assigned to Chicago

Doris Lauzon, who formerly was in Mica Department has been called to Chicago for special training in aircraft instrument maintenance. Wave Lauzon was sworn in as an apprentice seaman in Boston in August. She completed her basic training and indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training School at Bronx, N.Y., and is now listed for special training.

Florence Ann Sartori, Marine, Honored

Pvt. Florence Ann Sartori of the U. S. M. Women's Reserves was guest of honor recently at a farewell supper at Florini's Italian Gardens, with about 25 friends present.

The table was decorated in patriotic trimmings with a cake as a centerpiece. The Mistress of ceremonies was Miss Aureole Lavigne, who presented Pvt. Sartori with a corsage of red roses. Misses Vera Urbano and Blanche Richards sang several selections; Misses Molly Scerbo and Corrine Vanier gave complimentary remarks. A toast was given by Mrs. Lucy Ciempa followed by a specialty dance by Mrs. Julia Gattuso, and Mrs. Olympia Dionne. Supper was brought to a close with a conga chain led by Miss Blanche Richards followed by the singing of "God Bless America." The guest of honor received a sewing kit and a wallet of money.

Pvt. Sartori will leave for New River, North Carolina in the near future to begin basic training. She has been employed in the Paper Rolling Department.

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John Milos Writes:

Just a few lines to let you know that I've been receiving your Sprague Log regularly, and boy! it sure makes a guy feel swell, especially when you are across somewhere. I'm home on a three-day pass, so thought I would drop you a few lines from home. I've just returned from England, spent three months out there. I am enclosing a picture of myself, so if you don't mind, you can put it in the Log. I'll appreciate it very much. It is too bad that I'm here over the week end, as I wanted to visit some of the friends I used to work with. Right now, I am a third class fire control man. I've been around a few places which I cannot talk about. Well, this is all for now.

Your former employee
John

Pfc. Jack O'Leary, formerly of Block Assembly, is in the Field Artillery, serving with the Seventh Army overseas. He has been in the campaigns of both North Africa and Sicily, and is now on a third destination as yet unknown. He entered the army February 1941.

Seaman, second class, Richard A. Johnson of Boxing is spending a 7-day furlough with his wife, Lea of Bath Tub Assembly.

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Lt. Gazzaniga

Miss Etta Owen received her first V-mail, which follows:

Greetings from across the wide Atlantic. I am one of the fortunate ones that have landed in England before proceeding any further. It really gives me a chance to say I have well acquainted myself with our English speaking Ally in all walks of life. By that I mean, I have been subjected to their customs and I have taken part in their social life. The women of England can still learn a lot from our girls back home. I must say this—Who ever said the English people were a cold blooded race as far as romance goes? I have learned that that is false.

I am back at my old work of forecasting the weather. It is pay forecasting and is used for operational purposes. That makes a guy feel like he really is accomplishing something when he can see the result of his work. I am on shift with a fellow from Williamstown. His name is Robert Rosenberg. I believe many of the Sprague people from Williamstown know him very well.

I have had the experience of one who cowers in his little slit trench at various times. It is no pleasant feeling to just sit and watch not knowing what is in the dark heaven above. Being over here breaks you in gradually though. I have been to most of the cities of interest. I believe I have been to London about 12 to 15 times all ready on two-day sojourns. My - my, what a time. We have WACS and American nurses over here so we can still maintain that feminine taste. Since I am at a headquarters, we have WACS. I am known as the midnight crooner. I sing to the poor telephone operators that have to drag through the long nights. The only songs that I know all the words to are songs that were popular when I was at Sprague's. My shift runs 24 hours with no sleep and 48 hours off. It is a pretty good setup since I can go where I want on my time off.

So long and Best of Luck.
A friend,
Lt. Louis A. Gazzaniga
Lt. Gazzaniga worked in Chem. and Elec. Control.

George Coody Writes:-

USS Radford

Dear Sir:

I have just started to receive the Sprague Victory Log, and am glad to get it. While reading, I came across some very interesting subjects and for several minutes, I was practically back in N. Adams. I thought I would say "hello and congratulations". Hello to you, and all my friends; and congratulations upon the superb job you all are doing. I am in a position where I realize that just a small condenser, or a tool that you are turning out may ascertain the turning point. Keep up the good work, and by all means, keep sending the Log.

George Coody.



Pvt. Casimer A. Gliwski, formerly of Block Test, now stationed at Camp Hulen, Tex.

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Furlough's End

I watched you leave with a pain in my heart
That only a wife feels,
I held you tight as though it would stop
The train from turning its wheels.

I tried to smile as you bent to kiss
My lips that were cold as ice,
I heard "all aboard" and knew I must go
But you had to remind me twice.

Then I was outside and all I could see
Through the tears that wouldn't stay back
Was your sailor-clad arm as you waved good bye,
Then there was an empty track.

I am fiercely proud of you, my Honey,
And I know that you'll always be
As true and faithful to Uncle Sam
As you've always been to me.

—Submitted from the Can Shop

SPRAGUE "RADIO" LOG . . .

Mayor O'Brien's Speech On Radio Program of November 9

"I am very happy to have this opportunity to speak to the people of North Adams, through the facilities of the Sprague Specialties' Log Program. It is impossible for me, in the few moments that have been assigned to me at this time, to express my feeling of sincere appreciation to Mr. Robert Sprague and his associates of the Sprague Specialties Co., for what they have done personally and what their industry has meant to the citizens of our community.

"As my thoughts turn backward to July 1st, 1941 when our city was faced with the closing of our then largest industry—an industry that had furnished constant employment to a considerable number of our citizens for over a period of 40 years, it seems hard to realize that almost without the lapse of a day, the Sprague Specialties Co., stepped into the breach and furnished employment for more than 3000 of our citizens. It was not necessary for us to go out of town and bring a new industry into North Adams because the Sprague Specialties Co., had vision and foresight, they were ready and at once did become leaders in their specialized field of manufacturing products essential to our war effort and I think I share the pride of every worker in the Sprague plants—which certainly must have been theirs, when Capt. Jimmy Doolittle bombed Tokio, using planes that were equipped with Sprague products.

"As I read the newspapers from day to day and I read of the advances that are being made—and more important the victories that are being won by our armed forces, I am conscious of a profound feeling of pride in the knowledge that Sprague Specialties Co., of North Adams, Mass., supplied many parts of the essential equipment that our armed forces are constantly using in their march of victory.

"I look forward to peace and to the return of our peace time pursuits and I can visualize the Sprague Specialties Co., as the backbone of our North Adams industries, it will swing into the production of products consonant with peace time endeavors with the same speed and symmetry of motion as characterized its efficient 'all out' production of essential war materials, which feat was highlighted by the

Sprague Co., being awarded the Army and Navy "E", for efficiency and excellence in the production of war materials.

"We are indeed indebted to the Sprague Co., and especially to their loyal and efficient employees. Today, as Mayor of North Adams, I want to accept this occasion to publicly acknowledge that debt. The Sprague Co., and its 3500 employees have contributed in no small measure toward making North Adams a prosperous community and one in which we are all happy to live. Thank you."

3 Programs Reviewed

Our radio listeners, from various parts of the state, have complimented us on the Sprague Radio Log. The program of November 2nd was especially well liked. On that program an innovation was introduced by our Hostess of the Air, Mrs. Agnes McDonough introducing the guests at the end of the program, and presenting each with a membership in the Five Star Club. Perfect timing and plenty of music gave the program a professional flavor. Miss Ellen Horsfall, ably accompanied by Mr. Oliver Baker at the piano, sang two excellent selections, "Bless Them All", a hit song of this war, lively and satirical was much applauded. Speaker on the air waves was Mr. A. G. Ceely, telling of the part electronics will play in future industry. A skit by the guards, Chief Art Mathews, Gene Pike, Edmund Hinkle and Earl Worthington, was lively and interesting. Mr. John Puppulo was star reporter, and Mrs. George Haumuller of Wire Coating read a poem with her 11 yr. old daughter, Catherine.

Tuesday's program, November 9th was a further departure from those previously given. At this time, Mr. Lawrence Madison took over the role of Master of Ceremonies, and allowed Mr. Ed Whitten, the Log editor to sit in at a round table forum with five of the Foremen. A lively discussion followed, in which Mr. John Pierce of Dry Test, Mr. Edw. Fitzpatrick of Mica, Mr. Frank Chilson of Receiving and Inspection, Mr. Harvey DeGrenier of Industrial Oils, and Mr. William Mendell of Western Electric took part.

Mayor Cornelius O'Brien was guest speaker on the program, briefly but convincingly speaking for a greater North Adams in post-war days. The Program just missed being an all star affair when Miss Doris Sanford, acted as Hostess for the day, and also accompanied Mr. William Bellows who sang two favorites: "Home on the Range" and "The Big Bass Viol".

Another Place Where Sprague Equipment Serves



Helicopter taking off backwards from deck twenty feet square, proving its maneuverability in protecting ships at sea against submarines. Official Photo U. S. Air Forces.

Farewell Party Given Mildred Anton

as seen by Frances Zaloga

The girls from the Plating Department and Can Shop gave a farewell party at Florini's November 3, for "Millie" Anton who has left to join her husband. What caused Fran to drop precious sausage on the table? And what did Lena have in the white bag that Helen was envious of? Rose brought "Rover" so no one wanted to sit next to her. Lucy as usual, wandered around and found some sailors for Bette to argue with—which is the better—Sailors or Marines. We wonder if the kink is out of Shir's elbow yet? And incidentally, what has Sampson got that keeps Millie running back and forth, until she finally decided to stay there?

Thanks Her Committee

Mrs. Charlotte Trotter, Chairman of the Community War Fund for Brown Street Industrial Oil Division would like to congratulate and thank the Committee and all employees of the Industrial Oil Division for their cooperation and help in making their job well done!

MARSHALL STREET "Memos"

Everett Brown, known as "Brownie", the Maintenance foreman, has returned from his vacation. Glad to see you again, "Brownie."

Mrs. Marie Brouillette of the Gas Mask Department visited her husband who is stationed at Parris Island, S. Carolina.



BACK THE ATTACK
with WAR BONDS!

Ethel Slater Showered

Miss Ethel Slater of Mica Dept., who is to be married soon to Pvt. 1st Class Norman Cote, was guest of honor at a shower. The party was arranged by Miss Dorothy Gilman, who is to be her maid of honor. Toasts were given by Miss Gilman and Miss Helen Maynard. Miss Slater received many gifts. Lunch was served. The house was decorated in red, white and blue.

Announcement Party

The girls in the Resistor Department on Brown Street spent a pleasant evening at the home of Miss Annette Roy of Temple street, Adams. The occasion was the announcement of Miss Roy's engagement to Sgt. Russell A. Trombley, now serving in the air force, overseas. Miss Roy received a beautiful gift from her co-workers. Entertainment was furnished by Mrs. Bernice Brazeau who sang "Pistol Packin' Mama" and by Miss Roy, dancing the hula. Lunch was served by Mrs. Roy and her daughter.

Defense Workers

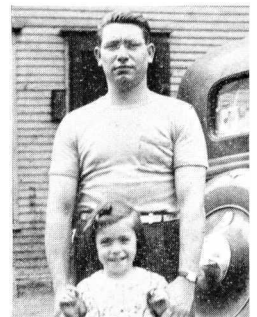
We don't go in much for style, Our stockings are mostly of lisle. Some are daintily dressed in slacks, If they could see themselves from the back.

Others have cute bows in their hair, Excuse me if I over stare. Sweaters are quite the sensation

There are some things we cannot ration. Down on the shoulders up in the air. No matter what they do it's still hair. A white shirt means get to work. He's a company man so don't shrink.

Faults or no, we're defense workers all The war's nothing to some of OUR brawks.

—from the Resistor Dept.



Harry Carpenter of Bathtub Assembly, with his daughter, Pat.

Out On A Limb

It is not often that we have a hunter treed by his prey—usually it is the animal trapped by the hunter. But this is an authentic account of a hunter treed by a porcupine. On November 2, two foremen from the Paper Division went hunting. During the afternoon, they spotted a porcupine in a tree. Foreman No. 1, in his joy to spot some prey started climbing up the tree after Mr. Pork. But the wary porcupine went out on the limb and dropped to the ground. When Mr. Pork found he had the hunter treed, he started up the tree after him. Foreman No. 1 was not too pleased at the sight of his quilly companion and shouted to Foreman No. 2 to shoot. Out on the limb, he crawled with Mr. Porcupine steadily gaining on him.

"Why don't you shoot?" pleaded Foreman No. 1. "I don't dare," said Foreman No. 2, "I'm not good enough a shot. I might miss him and bag you."

So there we will leave our two Foremen—out on a limb. Better luck, next time, Charlie and Walt.

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BEFORE DECEMBER 1

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Plant Reporters or The LOG Editors

Beaver Street Bits

Mrs. Ruth Abbott of Payroll Dept. is spending a few weeks in Florida with her husband, Pvt. Northway Abbott who is stationed there.

A group, which when unmasked, turned out to be the "gang" from the Payroll Dept., was entertained at the home of Mrs. Mildred Waterhouse in Adams on Friday, October 29th. Prizes for the best costumes were awarded to Irving P. Toupence and Arthur Bell, while Ida Lovette was a close second.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. Fairchild entertained their co-workers at a house warming on Church Street, Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Games were played, prizes being awarded to the best artist: Mr. Fred Windover; the best sprinter, Miss Ruth Yarter; the best Guess Who, to Mrs. Marion Senecal and Mr. Ray Bishop.

Betty Horrigan recently spent a week end in New York with her husband, who is in the Marine Corps.

Miss Theresa Louison of the Sample Department, was recently feted at a birthday party given by a group of friends in Adams. We are still thinking of the little speech Tres gave!

Anna Desnoyers of Block Test spent a week end in New York. While she was in the Grand Central Station, she had a surprise meeting with Helena Sutton who recently joined the WAVES. Helena formerly worked for Check Inspection.



Main Office News

Scrub, scrub, rinse, rinse, paint, paint — is Margaret Rohane's motto for a job well done.

The Main Office went to The Springs, Wednesday, October 20th. What a swell time! The young'uns certainly shamed the oldsters in knowing how to dance.

The Bryce sisters, Joanne and Katie, spent the week end in Canada. They came home tired but s-o- happy!

Marie Schwarzer's cream colored car is usually packed, should she decide to go downtown. She certainly believes in share and share alike.

Blanche Fallon got right back to her job of seeing that Eleanor McClay gets at least one glass of water each noon. Darn it! Eh, Elly?

Of course, Vera Uberti doesn't brag about her little nephew, but each day she impresses us with the fact that he is a cute little fellow, and SO SMART!

We found out that Mary Zona doesn't like birthday greetings (*a la française*.)

Here is hoping that Gloria Lord can soon be with us when we go bowling.

Shower For Gertrude Durocher

A miscellaneous shower was given in honor of Miss Gertrude Durocher of the Dry Test on October 12th. Gertrude is to be married some time in December.

**SAFE WORKING HABITS
ARE THE BEST DEFENSE
AGAINST ACCIDENTS**



Boxing and Dry Rolling News

Reported by Mamie Farinon

Connie Urbano and Madeline Horrigan spent a week end in New York City. They were guests at the Woodstock Hotel. They met Mr. Kelly, formerly of North Adams, who is now managing the Hotel.

Lea LeGrande left to join her husband, stationed with the army in California.

Laurette Benoit is spending a few days vacation traveling.

Wanted to buy — one good lion for a pet. Please see Marion Wabnig in Dry Rolling.

The old story about the windows is here again, and it keeps Bill Lamberti busy opening and closing them.

If you should meet Theresa Desnoyers one of these days

With a starry look upon you she would gaze—

Don't worry—it's nothing alarming, For she has just met her Prince Charming.

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They tell me Wilfred Gelinas of Dry Rolling is very fond of cats. For further information see Edith Russell who entertained a few friends from Dry Rolling, and outside the Plant, at a Hallowe'en party.

Mrs. Alma Haley gets the greatest kick in telling about the things her daughter Jackie is learning at school. Jackie is five years old and this is her first experience in school.

Mary Kryston has put in a request for boxes with good bottoms as she does not like the idea of playing pickup with 2,000 scattered cans.

Anne O. McKay of Dry Rolling spent a week's vacation in New York City.

George MacDonald of the Dry Rolling wants to know what those sets are called with comb, brush and mirror. When explained that they are toilet sets, he looked surprised. He said, "Oh, I don't mean that kind—I want the kind for a dresser."

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Everyone in the Dry Rolling is wondering who gave Lil Howard the Elgin watch she is wearing.

Welcome back, to Eric Hannaleck who is at his old job stitching in Dry Rolling. Hannaleck is home on a medical discharge, having been stationed in a U. S. training camp in Tennessee.

Josephine Kieltyka spent a week end in Burlington, Vt.

Carolyn Champney and Irene Burke of the Boxing line spent a week end in Albany, shopping for Christmas. It was Carolyn's lucky day—she found three dollars on the street.

Florence Lambert of Dry Test has enlisted with the WAVES and will leave November 18th for her new duties. Good luck, Florence.

One day, when passing through the Dry Rolling Department, Marvin Williams decided he would like a try at rolling. The only trouble was that his tie and fingers were in the way.

You have heard of "The Eyes and Ears of the World" featured on the screen of the Paramount, but you have not heard of "The Eyes and Ears" of the Dry Rolling Department—none other than Art Molleur.

Cpl. T. C. McMillan of Talpa, Texas, and Pvt. C. W. Delano of St. Louis, Mo., both of the Army Air Corps, were guests last week of Connie Urbano and Madeline Horrigan. The boys expect to leave for overseas, soon. This was their first visit to the Berkshires and they were very much impressed with its beauty.

What is it about Joe Brenier that attracts all the girls. Could it be his blond, curly locks?

Guess Who? The Man on the Flying Trapeze is from the Dry Rolling Department.

TO MAMIE

I want you to meet our representative Who listens to our woes so plaintive. Mamie is her name, And she belongs in the Hall of Fame. Each morn at seven you can see her At the back gate of the Beaver. Reason?

To tell is treason. So—hurrah, and cheers to the best— Saleswoman of our Community Chest.

Laurette Benoit

Bath Tub Assembly News

Thelma Boulерice

Cpl. Donald Cross of Camp Campbell, Ky., is spending his furlough at his home in Adams with his wife, Laura, of Bath Tub Assembly.

Mrs. Harriet DeGrenier has left to join her husband who is at the Navy station in Seattle, Washington.

Bea Martin spent the week end in Cheshire, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Placide Dupuis observed their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary with a supper at the Clarksburg Sportsmen's Club. Forty-five guests attended this pleasant affair.

Kitty Turner and Rita Thomas spent the week end in Clarksburg.

Thelma Boulерice spent the week end in New York City. Her husband, Pvt. Alfred Boulерice of Ft. Belvoir, Va., joined her.

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Stoker J. Reid of the British Royal Navy is enjoying a visit in Mass., while the destroyer escorts are being built for Great Britain. While here, he spent the week end with his cousin, Ellen Horsfall.

Helen Abbott spent the week end in New Jersey, visiting her sister.

Mrs. A. Gifford is taking a two week's leave of absence from her duties.

The Bath Tub Assembly went over the top in the recent Community Chest drive, due to the good work of Ida Grenier, our Union representative.

Olive Blake enjoyed a week end in Worcester, Mass.

Mrs. Alice Burdick celebrated her sixteenth wedding anniversary on October 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Unis celebrated their twenty-third wedding anniversary on October 23rd. Mrs. Mary Unis is of B.T.A.

Mrs. Beatrice Bachand has gone to California to visit her husband who is with the Seabees, stationed at Camp Park, Calif.

Jane Ciepiela spent the week end in Hartford, Conn.

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Henry and Jessie Meczywor spent the week end in Albany, N. Y. Jessie is in B.T.A. and Henry in Block Test.

Laura Casucelli spent the week in New York City.

Paul Trudeau, Assistant foreman of B.T.A. enjoyed a week's vacation at his home.

Sprague Boxing Dept. Girls Enjoy Party

Thirty girl employees of the boxing department of the Sprague Specialties company held a Hallowe'en party in the Knights of Columbus rooms.

Games in keeping with the occasion were enjoyed and prizes were awarded for costumes.

Machine Shop

The Machine Shop boys have done away with tardiness in their department. Should an employee be so unfortunate as to arrive late, he is greeted by three or more loud Bronx cheers from the entire crowd.

A graduation party was held October 24, 1943 at the Clarksburg Sportsmen's Club in honor of Edgar Remillard and James Cooper, who completed their apprenticeship course. After a bountiful dinner, each person was asked for a few remarks, after which Mr. Amos Carey, Production Manager presented the guests of honor with certificates of graduation. Mr. Remillard and Mr. Cooper were also presented with gift sets of micrometers by their fellow workers and friends. Best of luck to Edgar and Jimmy. Toasts were also given by Mr. T. J. Rondeau of the Machine Shop, and Mr. John Walsh as Master of Ceremonies, who congratulated the boys for completing this coveted course.

Best wishes to Grant Hamilton who was called in the October draft and is now stationed at Sampson, N. Y., in the Navy Training School.



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Collins are the parents of a daughter, born November 8th. Dan works in the Western Electric Dept.

A son, to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Quimby on November 2nd. Cecil is in Maintenance.

A son, Ronald Richardello was born October 29th to Nicholas of the Machine Shop and Mary C. of Dry Rolling.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cookis are the parents of a son, born November 1st. Sam works in the Resistor Department.

A son was born October 30th to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Boillat. Mrs. Boillat was formerly in Block Annex.



Ann Lorraine Mahar, 2 yrs. old, and Judith Ann Mahar, 1 yr. old, daughters of Ray of the Scheduling Dept.

Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hamer celebrated their thirtieth anniversary on November 1st. Mr. Hamer works in the Factory Engineering Dept.

Mrs. Theresa Briggs of Block Test and Cpl. Russell Briggs at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., celebrated their first wedding anniversary on October 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Trottier recently celebrated their seventeenth wedding anniversary. The celebration took the form of a trip to Albany, N. Y. Roy is in Test and Finish, and Charlotte in KVA.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boucher, married October 9th. Mrs. Boucher was the former Jeanette LeFave of Paper Rolling.



Miss Maisie Betit of the Resistor Department was married on October 30th to Mr. Thomas Dockum of Bennington, Vt.

Miss Edith Estes of Industrial Oil, Rolling, was married on October 20th to Pvt. Nelson R. Shaw of Ft. Jackson, S. C. They were married at the parsonage of Trinity Methodist Church in Adams.



Miss Margaret Leona Scarbo has announced her engagement to Corp. Robert A. Fisk of the U. S. Army. The wedding will take place soon. Miss Scarbo works in the Mica Department.

Miss Margaret Anderson of the Resistor Dept. and Mr. Paul S. Wood (not employed here) announce their engagement. No date has been set for the wedding.

Miss Lillian Cardinal of Block Test Dept. has announced her engagement to John Egan of Dry Test Dept.

Miss Gloria Bombardier of Industrial Oils announced her engagement to Pvt. Leo Simon formerly of Block Test, now stationed in Texas. Miss Gloria was guest of honor at a party given her by her sister, Miss Alice Bombardier, and was the recipient of many gifts. She leaves soon to join Pvt. Simon in Texas.

Miss Albina Fressola of Net Works has announced her engagement to Mr. Francis K. Rice of the Drafting Dept. No date has been set for the wedding.

Too Long

Mrs. Alice Swartz of Beaver Plant turned in a slogan, which is too long for a slogan, but too clever to discard. Here it is:
If Sprague's keep pitching 'till we win, Our boys are sure to reach Berlin.

**MOST ACCIDENTS HAPPEN
TO FOLKS WHO NEVER
HAD ONE BEFORE**

